(1)	(2)	(3)
28. New Kenda	Haulage	1
29. Rajmahal DCP . . .	Tipping Truck	1
30. Bahula	Side fall	1
31. Mahabir	Inundation	6
32. Samla	Haulage	1
33. Chinakuri DCP . . .	Shovel	1
34. Shamsunderpur . . .	Winding	1
35. Hariajam DCP . . .	Side fall	1
	TOTAL:	41

Babies suffering from Birth Asphyxia

1436. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year 1.2 million babies die due to birth asphyxia in the developing countries and an equal number end up with a crippled brain;

(b) how many babies are affected with birth asphyxia in this country; and

(c) what measures are being taken to prevent this growing malady in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No data are available in this Ministry.

(b) The percentage of deaths by causes peculiar to infancy in India for the year 1984, 1985 and 1986 is 11.00 per cent, 10.3 per cent and 10.5 per cent respectively.

(c) A training programme to update the skills of the traditional birth attendants (Dais) in rural areas for conducting aseptic delivery has been in operation since 1974. In addition to this, an intensified Training Programme for traditional birth attendants has been taken up as a pilot project in selected districts of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Handling of cases of birth asphyxia is also taught under the intensified training taken up in these districts.

Ban on use of DDT

1437. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDT which had been banned in most of the countries continues to be use in our country to eradicate mosquitoes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DDT settles on our food, water and vegetables and thus harms us; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which DDT is being allowed to be used in our country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) DDT is an effective and comparatively cheaper insecticide which is being used for spraying on the interior surface of dwellings under National Malaria Eradication Programme to reduce the transmission of malaria. All precautions are taken at the time of spraying

operations to eliminate any possible contamination of food material. The use of DDT in public health is restricted to 10,000 MTs of technical DDT per year.

Report on the National Gas Grid

1438. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's K.D. Malaviya Institute for Petroleum Exploration had prepared a report on the national gas grid in October, 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said report discussed the availability of natural gas by 2005 A.D. and its distribution through a pipeline network to all part of India covering developed and under developed areas of different states;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not looked into the report; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to implement the report and provide flexibility in the utilisation of gas and remove regional imbalances?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The National Gas Grid is a part of the long-term perspective plan for natural gas transportation and utilisation. Its implementation will depend upon finding adequate quantity of gas for transportation through such a grid. The only inter-state gas pipeline so far set up is the HBJ pipeline. An inter-ministerial group is being appointed to examine the various issues relating to the establishment of a Southern Gas Grid. The present availability of gas does not justify establishing a National Gas Grid.

NTPc's dues Ageinst State Electricity Boards

1439. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has sought Central assistance in recovering dues totalling Rs. 780 crore owed by State Electricity Boards to it;

(b) if so, what is the amount due from each State Electricity Board towards the NTPC; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to get the dues recovered by the NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) A statement giving the outstanding dues of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) with the various State Electricity Boards etc., as at the end of February, 1990, is Annexed. The defaulting States|Union Territories etc. have been advised to make regular payment of the current dues and to gradually liquidate the arrears in a time bound manner.